



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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Dear Child Care Provider,

**Please read this carefully, failure to follow the instructions in this letter may result in revocation.** A copy of this letter went to CCRR. You may contact CCRR for a follow-up visit. CCRR can help you get the forms and such you may need. CCRR will notify DHS that you are in compliance.

This letter is in regards to the 8/16/13 follow up compliance check of your Category B, Registered Child Development Home. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, describes specific requirements that must be met by a Registered Child Development Home. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of my visit:

X 110.4 No more children are in care than the rules for the specific category will allow. **You had the correct number of children in care. I will be doing drop-ins. As I reminded you on Friday, you can be revoked for being over numbers.**

☐ 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary, and free of hazards. This is because items are missing.

☐ 110.5(1)k Fire and tornado drills are practiced monthly and documentation kept.

☐ 110.5(1)n Each smoke detector is tested monthly, and a record is kept for inspection purposes.

☐ 110.5(1)q All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is **free of endo and ecto parasites. You provided the dates of physicals, but not the statement. I am enclosing a form for your vet to use. This form will be updated 11/1/13 by DHS.**

☐ 110.5(2) A provider file is maintained and contains:

☐ 110.5(2)b Certificates or training verification documentation for:

☐ 110.5(2)b Two hours of approved child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training (and every 5 years thereafter.) **You stated you were working on this.**

☐ 110.5(2)c An individual file is maintained for each staff assistant and contains:

☐ 110.5(2)c Certification of two hours of approved training relating to identification and reporting of child abuse within 6 months of employment and repeated every 5 years. **For: Lance.**

☐ 110.5(8) Children's Files. All most all your files except new childcare children need updating. I will look at files during one of my unannounced visits. You stated you were still working on these.

☐ 110.5(8) An individual file is maintained for each child and updated annually or when there are changes. Each file contains:

☐ 110.5(8)a Identifying information including, at a minimum, the child's name, birth date, parent's name, address, telephone number, special needs of the child and the parent's work address and telephone number.

☐ 110.5(8)b Emergency information including where the parent can be reached, the name, street address, city and telephone of the child's regular doctor, and the name, number, telephone number, and relationship to the child of another adult available in case of emergency.

☐ 110.5(8)c A signed medical consent from the parent authorizing emergency treatment.

☐ 110.5(8)d For infants and preschoolers: An admission physical examination, on the first day of attendance, including past health history, status of present health, allergies and restrictive conditions, and recommendations for continued care when necessary. The date of the exam is not more than 12 months before the child's first day of attendance.

☐ 110.5(8)d For school-aged children: On the first day of attendance, a statement of health status signed by the parent or legal guardian.

☐ 110.5(8)e For infants and preschoolers: A statement of health signed by a physician submitted annually.

☐ 110.5(8)e For school aged children: An annual statement of health condition signed by the parent or legal guardian, annually from date of admission physical.

☐ 110.5(8)f A list signed by the parent which names persons authorized to pick up the child, their telephone number, and relationship to the child.

☐ 110.5(8)g A signed and dated immunization certificate provided by the state department of public health.

☐ 110.5(8)h For each school-age child, record of a physical exam completed at the time of school enrollment or since.

☐ 110.5(8)i Written permission from the parent(s) for their child to attend activities away from the child development home. It must include times of arrival and departure, destination, and person(s) responsible for the child.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. **Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations by 10/1/13.**

☐ Based on the items out of compliance listed above, you will be required to have a recheck or follow up visit to your home.

**I certify that I have taken all of the steps necessary to correct each of the identified violations noted above and am now in complete compliance with all of the Departmental mandated regulatory rules.**

**Please sign and date below, and return this form in the provided envelope or email. If you send this by email, please also send to CCRR as occasionally the DHS system will not allow those through from individuals.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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CC: File, CCRR, DHS Supervisor

Always Remember: DHS web site: [www.dhs.state.ia.us](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us)

CCRR has a new consultation tool which they will be using when they visit you. This tool will help prepare you for my checklist visit. I am encouraging all providers to contact CCRR for a visit prior to your renewal date every year. CCRR has other tools to help too, like the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale (FCCERS), and info on Positive Guidance and Discipline to name a few. Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. The Fire Marshal or Safety officers in your area are good sources for help setting up smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and other zoning questions.

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As you plan your future trainings to meet your 24 hours of training requirement, please remember that you need to use only DHS approved training and only 12 hours can be by self-study. You can access the approved training by going to [http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child\\_Care/Professional\\_Development.html](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/Consumers/Child_Care/Professional_Development.html) and you can sign up for training at <https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/trainingregistry/>

All providers need to maintain compliance with rules set out in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 110, which includes: 441 IAC 110.5(1): Check with the appropriate authorities to determine how the following local, state, or federal laws apply to you: • Zoning code • Building code • Fire code • Business license • State and federal income tax • Unemployment insurance • Worker's Compensation • Minimum wage and hour requirements • OSHA • Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).